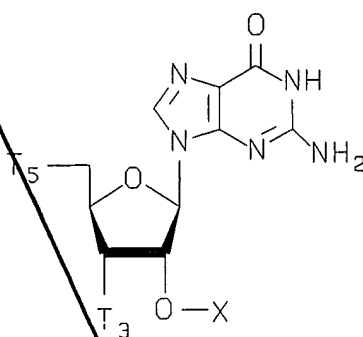


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In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 9, 10, 15, and 16 as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) A compound [An oligomer comprising at least one subunit] having the structure:



wherein X is $R_1-(R_2)_n$;